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## HOUSTON'S JEFFERSON DAVIS HOSPITAL HONORED BY *HGTV'S RESTORE AMERICA* INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Washington, D.C. (November 28, 2005) – HGTV, America's leading home and lifestyle network, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and co-sponsor Time Warner Cable today announced that the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston, Texas, has been selected from more than 100 applicants as the newest addition to HGTV's *Restore America* initiative. To help further the renaissance of its diverse First Ward neighborhood, the site will receive a \$50,000 grant to transform the hospital into a residential building with 34 live/work units for artists and their families. In addition, it will be highlighted in a special vignette on HGTV.com and in a public service announcement that will air on HGTV throughout December.

A Classical Revival-style red brick structure, Jefferson Davis Hospital is the third of 12 sites to be featured in this year's HGTV's *Restore America* initiative – the national public affairs partnership that HGTV forged with the National Trust to raise awareness of historic preservation. Other initiative co-sponsors include Bank of America, Lowe's and Marvin Windows and Doors. Since 2003, the campaign has provided \$3 million to fund 36 restoration projects across the country and has elevated the importance of preservation through on-air and online efforts. For 2005-2006, HGTV's *Restore America* initiative has awarded grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to fund 12 community revitalization projects. Each selected site is highlighted at [www.nationaltrust.org/restore\\_america/2005](http://www.nationaltrust.org/restore_america/2005).

The Jefferson Davis Hospital, opened in 1924, was the first city-owned hospital in Houston to accept indigent patients. It is rumored that the hospital, constructed atop City Cemetery, Houston's second oldest municipal cemetery, was named after Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, to defuse the public outcry that occurred when the people learned that the city was erecting a new hospital on a site containing Confederate graves. Due to the city's rapid growth, the original four-story hospital became inadequate and was replaced by a new Jefferson Davis Hospital in 1938. Although the first hospital served various functions over the years, it remained vacant for the past two decades, was plagued by vandalism, and become notorious for being "haunted".

*Upcoming Featured Sites scheduled to air on HGTV:*  
January 2006 – Lucien Moore House, Detroit, Michigan  
February 2006 – Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles, California  
March 2006 – Martha G. Ripley Maternity Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**The National Trust for Historic Preservation** is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust was founded in 1949 and provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to protect the irreplaceable places that tell America's story. Staff at the Washington, D.C. headquarters, six regional offices and 26 historic sites work with the Trust's 270,000 members and thousands of preservation groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the Trust's web site at [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org).

**HGTV**, America's leader in home and lifestyle programming, is distributed to more than 89 million U.S. households and is one of cable's top-rated networks. HGTV.com is the nation's leading online home and garden destination that attracts an average of 4.4 million unique visitors per month. HGTV owns 33 percent of HGTV Canada and provides much of the Canadian network's daily programming. The network's branded programming also can be seen in 27 other countries and its selected programming is available to service men and women on board Navy ships and through American Forces Radio & Television Service (AFRTS) which services more than 1,000 outlets in over 175 countries. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tenn., with offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Nashville and New York, HGTV is wholly owned by The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE:SSP), which also operates Food Network, DIY - Do It Yourself Network, Fine Living, Great American Country and electronic retailer Shop At Home Network.

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**Time Warner Cable** (TWC) is Houston's leading cable communications company, with approximately 750,000 customers in the Houston metro area. The company has built its reputation on providing customers with 24-hour local service, a vast variety of entertainment choices including local programming of special interest, and a satisfaction guarantee. TWC has invested approximately \$350 million in its Houston-area network to bring customers state-of-the-art services such as digital cable, digital phone, high-speed Internet service and HDTV. Time Warner Cable is a division of Time Warner (NYSE: TWX), the world's first Internet-powered media and communications company, whose industry-leading businesses include interactive services, cable systems, publishing, music, TV networks and filmed entertainment.

Avenue Community Development Corporation is an award-winning non-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing Houston's Washington Avenue and Near Northside communities by developing affordable housing and economic opportunities. Avenue CDC has leveraged over \$25 million of investments in our community through the development of over 250 homes. [www.avenuecdc.org](http://www.avenuecdc.org)

Artspace is a national nonprofit developer, manager and owner of affordable housing for artists and their families as well as for nonprofit arts organizations and creative businesses. Artspace owns and operates 18 facilities across the country with headquarters in Minneapolis, MN. For more information visit [www.artspaceusa.org](http://www.artspaceusa.org).

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